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PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

DUONG, et al.

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For: SIGNAL DETECTION
TECHNIQUES FOR THE
DETECTION OF ANALYTES

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REPLY TO OFFICE ACTION AND AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

This paper is in response to the Final Office Action dated June 20, 2001. The reply is being mailed on or before December 20, 2001 and is accompanied by a petition for a three month extension of time and the required fee, making this a timely response. The reply is also accompanied by a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) and the requisite filing fee. The Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees, including extension fees or other relief which may be required, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 06-1300 (Our Order No. A-65686-1/RFT/RMS/RMK).

Please amend the application as follows and consider the remarks set forth thereafter.

In the claims:

Please enter the following amended claims:

11. (Amended) A method of determining the presence of target analytes in a sample comprising:

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